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✓ Subject: LIBERTY AND PROPERTY INC

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Dear Requester:

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If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

In response to your Freedom of Information Act request, enclosed is a processed copy of Washington Field office file 100-WF-33381.

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REPORTING OFFICE ✓ SAN FRANCISCO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SAN FRANCISCO	DATE AUG 10 1956	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/20, 22, 26, 27, 8/3, 8/56
TITLE OF CASE CHANG-DA LIBERTY AND PROPERTY, INCORPORATED, PUBLISHERS OF "RIGHT" NEWSLETTER		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY S-4 [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - X	

SYNOPSIS:

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Liberty and Property, Incorporated, filed Articles of Incorporation in California 7/30/54. Granted tax exemption as civic league.

[REDACTED] listed as

[REDACTED] in original incorporation articles. as of 1/30/56

[REDACTED] listed as

[REDACTED] Lists Post Office Box 180, San Francisco, Calif., as address. Publishes "Right", a monthly newsletter, at 418 Ellis, San Francisco, [REDACTED] "Right" is described as Anti-Marxist, Anti-Internationalist, and "By and For American Right Wing". February, 1956, issue of "Right" directed defamatory questions to President EISENHOWER. Liberty and Property authored and proposed Second Bill of Rights. Liberty and Property and "Right" intend to establish Conservative Republican Headquarters at San Francisco during 1956 Republican Convention "to serve the needs of the American Right Wing."

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DETAILS:

The title is marked changed to fully identify Liberty and Property, Incorporated, as the publishers of "Right" Newsletter.

I. INCORPORATION

The Articles of Incorporation filed by Liberty and Property, Incorporated, (L&P), with the California State Secretary of State, Sacramento, California, were examined July 20, 1956. These Articles, under number 289632, asserted that the name of the corporation shall be Liberty and Property, Incorporated, whose stated purposes include the following:

"The initial business to be transacted by the corporation is formation of groups and committees for the purpose of exploring public grievances, and for the purpose of general public education on political, economic, and social subjects.

"To do research in, and prepare model constitutional amendments and legislative enactments designed to inform the various citizens and members of a means of proper action for the preservation or restoration of personal liberties and property rights.

"To formulate, develop, and promote public interest and education in basic democratic principles, civil rights, and property rights through dissemination of information by all types of printed publications, radio, television and other means of dissemination of information....."

Other stated purposes generally state that it was provided for the corporation to receive, hold, and develop by prescribed means real and personal property for benefit of the corporation, to borrow money and incur indebtedness and to enter into contracts to further its objects.

These articles show that tax exemption as a civic league was granted to L&P.

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II. FORMATION OF THE GROUP

On October 1, 1954, [] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished a pamphlet entitled "The Job Can Be Done", which stated that L&P was the successor to "America Plus" and that the administration of this organization was being taken over by []. This pamphlet also indicated that L&P favors segregation, opposes Communism and the United Nations. The address was listed as Post Office Box 180, San Francisco, California.

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III. IDENTITIES OF OFFICERS

✓ The original Articles of Incorporation filed by L&P July 30, 1954, list the following as officers:

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On January 30, 1956, according to the Articles of Incorporation, L&P entered a change regarding its officers, which listed [] as both []
[]

IV. STATED PROGRAM AND OBJECTIVES

A communication on the letterhead of L&P, Post Office Box 180, San Francisco, which was dated June 15, 1956, and which was generally circulated to the enrollees of L&P, and which was furnished to the San Francisco Office, contained in part the following descriptive information:

"Liberty and Property, Incorporated, is lots of things, primarily it is another one of the dozens of Right Wing political action groups. Consequently, we officially favor only our 10 proposed amendments to the Federal Constitution, called the Second Bill of Rights.....The point is that 'Right' is certainly not the official L&P publication at all. 'Right' stands staunchly on its own legs under the able leadership of its [redacted] Moreover, our National Committee advisors are even further removed from 'Right' because each one of these leaders is concerned only with their own particular amendment, which is one of the 10 in the Second Bill of Rights. So you can see although L&P publishes 'Right' as a service to the American Right Wing, it is not in any way an official publication but speaks only for itself."

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On January 13, 1955, [redacted] of the Harry Miles Printing and Lithograph Company, 372 Ellis Street, furnished the San Francisco Office with a document entitled "A Second Bill of Rights" (abbreviated form), which states that its contents were proposed by Liberty and Property, P.O. Box 180, San Francisco 1, California:

"I

"Every member of the United States Supreme Court shall take an oath that he will not vote to reverse any previous decision of the Court affecting the Constitution where the general public interest is involved. Violation of such oath shall be ground for impeachment.

"II

"The 16th Amendment to the Constitution is hereby repealed, and the 10th Amendment to the Constitution respecting the powers reserved to the States or the people, is hereby reaffirmed. It is herewith specifically decreed that the States shall have sole jurisdiction over their own schools, and that federal aid to education shall be prohibited.

"III

"The right of the owners of private business to choose their own guests, patrons and tenants; the right of private property owners to choose their own neighbors, and to make contracts between themselves for that purpose; and the right of employers to choose their own employees, subject only to the right of labor to bargain collectively, shall not be abridged.

"IV

"The right of a citizen to work without being forced to join, or pay dues into, or to contribute money to, any labor or other organization, shall not be abridged.

"V

"No person, in time of peace, shall be quartered or allowed to remain by law, in any house or living accommodation, without the consent of the owner, nor in time of actual war but in a manner prescribed by law.

"VI

"No person, without his consent, shall be compelled by law to collect monies due the government from his employees; nor shall any person be compelled by law to purchase insurance, or any other private benefit, made available to him by the government.

"VII

"The government shall not engage in any business, professional, commercial, financial, or industrial enterprise except as specified in the Constitution.

"VIII

"No law shall be passed imposing economic controls and price ceilings upon any privately owned business or industrial enterprise, provided, however, that

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during actual war, the government may establish priorities on materials and products needed for the conduct of the war, the remainder to be sold in a free and open market. This Amendment shall not apply to the regulation of rates charged by privately owned public utilities.

"IX

"The right of freedom of the air, of television, the cinema, and of the stage shall not be abridged. No license fee shall be imposed upon any newspaper or magazine; nor shall any government agency have the right to revoke the mailing privileges of such publications; to allocate or fix the price of newsprint; nor to suspend or to revoke licenses granted to radio and television stations. Every person accused of violating the laws of libel, slander, fraud, obscenity or sedition shall be tried only in a regularly constituted court before a jury of his peers.

"X

"The Senate of the United States is hereby prohibited from ratifying any treaty with foreign powers, under a world organization, or otherwise, whose conditions provide that laws may be prescribed for member nations, or that member nations may be committed either to engage in international police actions, or to go to war, without their consent. Secret executive agreements are hereby prohibited."

On May 28, 1956, [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the San Francisco Office with Progress Report Number 6, entitled "Year End Report; 1/18/56," published by Liberty and Property. The first page of this report contains a heading entitled "National Committee Advisors" and is being set out below:

"No. 2-Income Tax and States' Rights

[redacted]

"No. 3-Freedom of Choice

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"No. 4-Right to Work

[Redacted]

"No. 6-Outlaw Pay Deductions

[Redacted]

"No. 7-Outlaw Socialism

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"No. 8-Outlaw Price Controls

[Redacted]

"No. 9-Freedom of Speech

[Redacted]

It is noted that National Committee Advisors are not listed for Amendments 1, 5, 10 of the proposed Second Bill of Rights.

On November 1, 1955, [Redacted] furnished Progress Report Number 5 on the letterhead of Liberty and Property, Post Office Box 180, San Francisco. This report is dated October 14, 1955, and is addressed "To All Enrolees and Good Friends of L&P". This report in part stated as follows:

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"It is necessary to create a means whereby all new developments and new--as well as tried and true ideas can be expressed. L&P, being outspokenly pro-Capitalistic, believes that through the honest competition of ideas just as through the honest competition of goods the best of the lot will eventually prevail, and so result in the general welfare.

"Consequently, we are proud to announce that this marks the beginning of publication of 'Right', a new monthly bulletin, of, by, and for the American Patriotic Movement.....

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"In order to be effective, 'Right' intends to report, without bias or favoritism, all significant activity of the American Right Wing. As we define it, this means any organization or group which is interested primarily in one or two basic essentials qualifies for such matter. Because of the vast scope of the ideals envisioned by the groups concerned, these two criteria are necessarily negative. The two negative criteria are Anti-Marxism and Anti-Internationalism. Taken together, these two principles come close to meaning Americanism in our book."

This report identified the publication office of "Right" as 418 Ellis Street, San Francisco, and the [redacted]

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This same report, under a caption "Growth of L&P", states as follows:

"In the few short months of the existence of L&P, an amazing amount of progress has been made. Step by step, our Organization Plan is being completed. New services were added constantly, all designed to build and strengthen the 'American Underground'."

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VI. ACTIVITIES

On November 17, 1955, [redacted]
[redacted] a businessman, furnished the San Francisco
Office with a leaflet which states that it was issued by L&F,
Post Office Box 180, San Francisco. This leaflet advertises
"The Second Edition of the New Enlarged First National Directory
of 'Rightist' Groups, Publications and Some Individuals in the
United States (and Some Foreign Countries)." This was identified
as a special service of L&F and listed the following as a partial
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Anti-Internationalist groups!
Libertarian groups!
Anti-Communist and Anti-Socialist groups!
States' Rights groups!
Right To Work groups!
Anti-Fluoridation groups!
Religious groups!

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The August, 1956, issue of "Right", which was furnished to the San Francisco Office, contained as an enclosure a printed invitation for the recipient to be the guest of L&P, Inc., and "Right" at the San Francisco Conservative Republican Headquarters which is being established "To serve the needs of America and the American Right Wing." This invitation lists the following among the services planned by this headquarters:

1. Information on platform and other committees the week before the convention.
2. Information on location of various state delegations.
3. Information and ideas on how to approach your state delegations.
4. A press bureau to inform the nation of the activities and ideas of the Right Wing and its many groups.

This invitation lists the following as advantages of such a headquarters:

1. A nerve center for fast organized action in case the unexpected happens.
2. A focal point for strategy in opposition to the plans of political bosses.
3. A chance to dramatize the existence and activities of the Right Wing and its many groups.

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On August 10, 1956, [] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished an announcement headed San Francisco Conservative Republican Headquarters, Post Office Box 180, San Francisco. This announcement, which is dated August 3, 1956, announces that Conservative Republican Headquarters will be opened August 17, 1956, at 1263 Market Street, and closed one week later on August 23, 1956. The announcement further states that this downtown location will enable "us" to put on the kind of a performance fitting for a movement which encompasses millions of patriots from coast to coast. It also states that "we" will be able to put on a "show" in direct competition with other Market Street political headquarters "all of which are, of course, liberal."

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This announcement states that due to the limited number of tickets available for the actual convention, this headquarters cannot guarantee tickets but will have a large television set for actual coverage.

A handwritten note on this announcement advised [] that the Resolutions Committee meets at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco on August 15, 1956. He was further advised to write Senator PRESCOTT BUSH, Senate Office Building, Washington, for permission to appear at this meeting.

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The August 10, 1956, edition of the San Francisco Chronicle, Page 6, contains an article entitled "Rightist Republicans to Open HQ at Convention Here". The article states that [] of Liberty and Property, Incorporated, "a group which appears to be composed of ultra right wing Republicans", made this announcement. This article stated that [] said he was not for EISENHOWER for President and that while his group had taken "no stand" on the nomination, Senators JENNER and MC CARTHY or Governor LEE of Utah are men who fit the program of his organization.

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An attachment to this announcement concerning San Francisco Conservative Republican Headquarters is set out below:

"SAN FRANCISCO CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS

1263 Market Street

San Francisco, California

Phone: PROspect 6-2896

"W E L C O M E !

"Greetings to you from your hosts:

"CAR POOL: [REDACTED]

COMMUNICATIONS: [REDACTED]

COORDINATOR: [REDACTED]

DECORATIONS: [REDACTED]

HOTEL ROOM EXPEDITER: [REDACTED]

REFRESHMENTS: [REDACTED]

REGISTRATION:

TREASURER: [REDACTED]

VII. EXCERPTS FROM "RIGHT"

The August, 1956, issue of "Right" lists [REDACTED]
as [REDACTED] As set out previously, [REDACTED] is a former
[REDACTED] of "Right".

The February, 1956, issue was set up in the form of an open letter to President EISENHOWER and directed numerous defamatory questions to the President. The following were included among these questions:

"Is it true that you and you alone are responsible for the surrender of Berlin to the Russians?"

"Did you cut off General Patton's gasoline so that he was unable to take the Balkans, as he was in the process of doing?"

"Did you and Harry Dexter White, who was then known to be a Communist spy, hatch the Morgenthau Plan in your London headquarters?"

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"Were you responsible for turning over to the Russians some 70,000 highly-trained German scientists while we received only a few hundred? Are these the men responsible for building Russia to a point of aerial and atomic superiority to us?"

"Mr. President, are you responsible for the murder of some two to five million anti-Communist Russians, Poles, Balts, and Balkanese?"

The July, 1956, issue of "Right" contains a statement on Page 6 to the effect that subscribers to "Right" are desperately needed if it is to survive.

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Copies of this report are being furnished to the Los Angeles and San Diego Offices as it is likely that these offices may have inquiries regarding subject organization.

Copy forwarded to Chicago in view of similar Right Wing activities in connection with the Democratic National Convention.

Copies are being furnished to Baltimore, Butte, New Orleans, and Washington Field Office inasmuch as National Advisors for the Second Bill of Rights reside within those divisions Chicago and Los Angeles also have Advisors residing in their divisions.

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SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

Will develop further background information
concerning officers of L&P and "Right".

REFERENCE

Bulet 8/6/56.

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